

Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs & Successors, in the Sum of Ten thousand pound lawfull Money of Great Britain, for the Payment of which we bind ourselves, our Heirs Executors & Administrators firmly by these presents, Seald with our Seals & dated this fifteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1768.

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above nam'd Joseph Montfort is appointed Publick Treasurer of the Northern District of this Province by Act of Assembly Ratify'd the day of the date of these presents, if therefore the said Joseph Montfort shall diligently & faithfully Collect from the Respective Sheriffs Receivers & Collectors of Duties & other Persons Chargeable with Public Monies within his said District, & well & truly Account for & Pay to the General Assembly of this Province when thereto Requir'd, all Public Monies which he now hath, or hereafter shall receive, & faithfully & Regularly Discharge the Duties of his said Office, then the above obligation to be Void, otherwise to remain in full force & Virtue.

Jos: Montfort
Alex^r McCulloch
Jn^o Campbell

Seal's & Deliver'd in Presence
of Jas. Hasell
Alex^r Elmsly³

¹Joseph Montfort (1724-1776) was treasurer of the northern counties and clerk of the Edgecombe County court. He had replaced Barker in 1764 and served until 1775. See also volume I, 563 n.2.

²John Campbell (ca. 1700-1781) purchased land in Bertie County in 1737 and was operating as an Edenton merchant by 1743. The following year he was elected to the assembly and afterward served for two years as speaker of the House. Ill health forced his semiretirement for several years, but he was again in the assembly from 1767 until 1769 and in 1773. Campbell was a delegate to the Provincial Congress of 1776. Not only was he a successful merchant but he also owned thousands of acres of land in at least three eastern counties as well as over twelve thousand acres in Anson County. Information concerning Campbell and his business transactions may be found in Clark, *State Records*, XI, XII, XXI-XXII passim and Saunders, *Colonial Records*, V-X passim.

³Alexander Elmsley (Elmsly) was a London merchant who lived in North Carolina for some years before he returned to England. While he was a resident of the colony Elmsley served in the assembly (1762-1768) and therefore understood the political and economic situation quite well. He corresponded with Samuel Johnston (see sketch of Johnston in vol. I, 95-96 n.4) and in a letter of 1774 noted that North Carolina had such valuable resources and a population so greatly increased that to seek independence was a natural development. During 1774 and 1775 Elmsley and Thomas Barker acted as the colony's last agents in England. Saunders, *Colonial Records*, VI, VII, IX passim.